

DETAILED ACTION

Prosecution History

Claims **8-10, 25-26, 28, 42** and **62-63** have been cancelled.

Claims **1, 11-14, 17-18, 22, 27, 29-32, 34-35, 37-40, 43, 48-51, 55-56, 60** and **64** have been currently amended.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 9 March 2010 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 19 January 2010. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims **1-7, 11-24, 27, 29-41, 43-61** and **64** are allowed over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. The claims are allowed for the reason set forth in the applicant's amendments and remarks filed 9 November 2009.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FADEY S. JABR whose telephone number is (571)272-1516. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. 8:00am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on (571) 272-6708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3628

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